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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I believe the whole antitrust case against Microsoft over the last three years has been a colossal waste of time and money. The central issues of the case are no longer of consequence. I do not support the breakup of Microsoft am in support of the settlement because this needs to end as soon as possible for our IT sector to return to normal.

Under the terms of the settlement I am glad to see that Microsoft will be increasing its relations with computer makers and software developers for the sake of stopping the "muscling out" strategy, which might have occurred in the past. I am also happy to see that a three person technical committee will be formed to monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement and assist with dispute resolution.

The nine states that still oppose should be urged to drop the suit. The best interest of the public will be served when free enterprise is allowed to be on its way and jumpstart our economy out of recession. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Craig Juel